

Mr. LAMPSON. David Moore of Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. I think that that is what makes good legislation, especially when we have the bottom-up response that we have had.

Mr. LAMPSON. We hope our colleagues will join us all in cosponsoring this legislation and in seeing to it that it gets brought to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote quickly.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, before I yield back the balance of my time, I again would remind our colleagues that it is H.R. 3161, the Municipal Preparation and Strategic Response Act of 2001. Again, I am proud the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), and I cannot thank him enough for his input and help, is also a cosponsor of this legislation. The value that the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus have provided us, the insight that we have received from health care professionals, hospitals, the endorsement of municipal leaders of this legislation has all been terrific.

But before I leave the podium tonight, I cannot help but mention that I am deeply troubled by the stimulus package that is coming before this body tomorrow, primarily because I have been concerned for some time now about our inability to pay for a lot of the initiatives that we would like to see.

Homeland defense in this bill is \$1.5 billion. That is not an awful lot of money, but I have a sickening feeling going home to my home district and talking as I have to many groups, most notably to seniors. Tom Brokaw did this Nation a great service in his book "The Greatest Generation"; and in that book he heralded a unique generation that now has witnessed a second day of infamy. They lived through the Depression; they certainly lived through December 7, 1941; they fought and won and rebuilt the Nation and educated a whole generation of baby boomers. They have now lived through September 11.

As we project out, they are the first ones to rise up and say we must root out terrorism, we have to all stand together as a Nation, but it just confounds me that we will tap into Medicare and vanquish the Social Security Trust Fund in an effort to pay for all of this, so they will have sacrificed twice. At no other point in our history when we have gone to war, and make no mistake this is a war, have we asked one generation to sacrifice as much as we are asking them.

Mr. Brokaw, if you are listening, I hope you prevail upon the American public and upon the Congress to recognize that this cannot happen. These people deserve to live out their final days in the dignity that Social Security, Medicare and, frankly, prescription drugs should provide them.

Mr. Speaker, I just could not leave the podium this evening without addressing that concern. It is heartfelt. I hope that other Members share the same feeling and same concern about how we are going to pay for all of this. We ought to think long and hard about tax cuts; and truthfully, we ought to think about rolling back some of our provisions or at least letting the top 1 percent of this Nation bear some of the sacrifice that we have already asked the greatest generation ever to do.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. BILIRAKIS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and October 24 until 2:00 p.m. on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. NORTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. RAMSTAD) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS AND A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 423. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 941. An act to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the State of California, to extend the term of the advisory commission for the recreation area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1057. An act to authorize the addition of lands to Pu'uuhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1097. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 1105. An act to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of State of Wyoming lands within the boundaries of

Grand Teton National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh-Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled joint resolution of the House of the following title, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 69. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1465. An act to authorize the President to exercise waivers of foreign assistance restrictions with respect to Pakistan through September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Wednesday, October 24, 2001, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4372. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States; (H. Doc. No. 107—136); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

4373. A letter from the Principal Deputy General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation entitled, "Contracts for Performance of Fire-fighting and Security-Guard Functions at Department of Defense Facilities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4374. A letter from the Associate General for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Revision to Cost Limits for Native American Housing [Docket No. FR-4517-F-02] (RIN: 2577-AC14) received October 1, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4375. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's annual report to Congress on the FY 2000 program operations of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), the administration of the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA), and the Federal Employees' Compensation Act